GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5080
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INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AT HASSAN
PUTTASWAMY GOWDA

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether four hundred acres of land has been acquired in Hassan, Karnataka for constructing an airport;

(b) if so, whether compensation has been given to all those who have lost their land in this process;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the time by which the Government propose to complete this ambitious project alongwith its tentative cost?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION

(SHRI SHARAD YADAV)

(a), (b), (c) and (d):- Yes, Sir. For development of Hassan airport, 350 acres of additional land was acquired by the State Government for handing over to the Airports Authority of India (AAI), free of cost.However, AAI did not take over the additional land as the Hassan airport project was not economically viable. The Planning Commission was approached for budgetary support for construction of an airport at Hassan. The Planning Commissiondid not agree for the same and advised involvement of private participation in funding the project. Moreover, as per the Policy on Airport Infrastructure, no green field airport is allowed within an aerial distance of 150 kms. of an existing airport. Mangalore and Bangalore airports are located at a distance of 110 kms. and 150 kms. respectively from Hassan.